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Transportation & Parking Commission
125 Locus Street
Northampton, MA 01060

Oct. 13, 2021

RE: Adding Accessible Parking on New South Street

Members of the Transportation and Parking Commission,

This letter is to express the Northampton Disability Commission's request and support to add an accessible parking space on New South Street between Main Street and the New South Street Bridge.

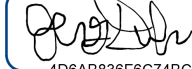
This concern was brought to our attention by the property manager and a resident of the 22-34 New South Street apartment building, who does have a disability. There are no parking spots on the east side of New South Street (the side that the apartment building is on), nor are there any **accessible** parking spots on the west side. Furthermore, to access the accessible parking spots in the Roundhouse Lot, which are on the far end near the bus terminal, residents would have to go through Pulaski Park, down the ramp, and then through the parking lot. Finding an accessible parking spot on Main Street is equally challenging. These both seem like an excessive burden.

The Disability Commission staff member from the Planning & Sustainability Office, Keith Benoit, explained the process to the commission and is willing to work with the appropriate City staff to accomplish this request.

Thank you for your consideration. If you need additional information, please contact us at 413-587-1288.

Respectfully,

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Jeremy Macomber-Dubs
Chair, Disability Commission

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Emma Cornwell
Vice-Chair, Disability Commission

CC: John Thorpe, Ward 4 City Councilor
Katie Miernicki, Property Manager at HMR Properties

